

sisted of organ and violin, and then later guitars and harmonicas were included. The whole community joined in the dances, and mothers would take their babies and put them to sleep on benches that surrounded the dance floor. At midnight the groups would usually call an intermission and adjourn to someone's home for refreshments—oyster suppers seemed most popular—and then return to the dance hall to continue dancing until two or three o'clock in the morning.

Some of the first dances were held in the upstairs of a two-story rock home known as the old Smith home. A popular dancing place was the Heber Social Hall (Old Hall) and Buell's Hall on the 2nd floor of the Buell Store building, then the Turner Opera House as already mentioned. When dances were held in the new Heber Amusement Hall a popular orchestra included Andy Anderson, violin; Storm M. McDonald, clarinet; Adolphia R. Duke, trombone; Arthur Olson, cornet; Jay Jensen and Lillian Cummings (Moulton), piano; Seymour Duke, drums, and Walter Burgener, cornet. This orchestra played together many years.

Other dance orchestras were formed from high school groups to provide music for school dances. Many stayed together and provided music for community dances as well. One of the more popular groups in recent times has been the Ellis Clyde Orchestra.

Music in the wards and the stake has always been important, and many Heber groups have won recognition for their music ability. In 1896 a special Heber Sunday School choir was organized under the direction of Joseph A. Murdoch. Choir members who gave much service around the valley included Lottie Moulton, Emma Giles, Tillie Clegg, Minnie Dahlman, Lillie Roberts, Emily Howarth, Mary Giles, Hannah Jeffs, Mary Hicken, Ruth Hicken, Joseph Moulton, John W. Crook, Isabel Baun, Hannah Harbour, Georganna Lindsey, Joseph A. Murdoch, Malinda Hicken, Mary Carlie, Mary Emma McMillan, Annebell Clegg, Lizzie Giles, Gladys McMullin, Harriet McMillan, George Harbour, Mary Howarth, DeVera Smith, Sarah Giles and Jennie Dahlman. Emma Giles Carlie, who was stake organist for many years, accompanied the group.

In 1913 a group of girls from the Heber Second Ward formed a quartette and participated in the musical festivals of the Mutual Improvement Association. They successfully competed in ward and stake competition, and then went on to Salt Lake City where they won all-Church honors for their arrangement and performance of "Annie Laurie." Members of this winning quartette included Gladys McMullin Davis, first soprano; Donna Murdock (Montgomery), second soprano; Helena Roberts Muiri, first alto and Maybell McMullin (Moulton), second alto. The Adeline Chorus was another successful musical group in Heber City. The group actually began as a Wasatch Stake Relief Society Chorus. Some 40 Relief Society members were called in 1936 to form the chorus which was directed by Alberta Hoover, with LaVada Harri-



### Alberta Hoover 90th

Alberta Mendenhall Hoover will be honored for her 90th birthday at a party in the Springville Art Museum on July 31, 1999. All of her friends and family are invited to come and participate in this celebration at 7:00 P.M. Alberta was born in Raymond, Alberta, Canada in 1909 on a large ranch and spent the early years of her summers there while attending school during the winter in Springville. Upon graduating from Springville High School, she went on a mission to California before attending Brigham Young University. She married Bliss M. Hoover,

and they raised four children. Alberta has been active in both church and community affairs. She helped organize a women's singing group in Springville called the "Musettes" and served as its leader for 37 years. She has put on several musicals that commemorated Utah's pioneer heritage. At the age of 82, Alberta completed another mission for her Church serving in England. She has studied and taught voice, piano and conducting. She has given freely of her talents in church and community service all of her adult life. Alberta has four children, 22 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Come join us in honoring this unusual lady.